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Old English Poetics (Page 10)

1. Personification: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. Alliteration: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Kenning: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Caesura: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

You ken do it!

Part 1: Match the object to the corresponding kenning. A kenning is a compound expression replacing a noun. There are three kinds: open, possessive, and hyphenated. Possessive and hyphenated kennings are very easy to identify because of the specific punctuation.

1. Cloud A. Memories’ Keeper
2. Ocean B. Window to the Soul
3. Bike C. Racket Battle
4. Computer D. Ball of Fluff
5. Sandwich E. Infinite Lake
6. Yearbook F. Framed Space
7. Tennis G. Portable Meal
8. Eye H. Mechanical Brain
9. Door I. Wheeled-Legs

Part 2: Write your own kennings next to the listed word. For an extra challenge, use alliteration.

10. Boat Open: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Possessive: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Hyphenated: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Anglo-Saxon Riddles

Anglo-Saxon riddles are usually based on everyday items. They almost always contain personification, alliteration, kennings, and a caesura

Part 1: Directions: Solve each riddle. Also, identify at least 3 characteristics of Anglo-Saxon riddles by line number.

Riddle 66

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| Ic þa wiht geseah     on weg feran; |  | I saw a creature wandering the way: |  |
| heo wæs wrætlice    wundrum gegierwed. |  | She was devastating-beautifully adorned. |  |
| Wundor wearð on wege;    wæter wearð to bane. |  | On the wave a miracle: water turned to bone. |  |

Solution: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Personification: Alliteration: Kenning(s): Caesura:

Riddle 45

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| Moððe word fræt--     me þæt þuhte |  | A moth ate songs-wolfed words! |  |
| wrætlicu wyrd     þa ic þæt wundor gefrægn, |  | That seemed a weird dish-that a worm |  |
| þæt se wyrm forswealg    wera gied sumes, |  | Should swallow, dumb thief in the dark, |  |
| þeof in þystro,     þrymfæstne cwide |  | The songs of a man, his chants of glory, |  |
| ond þæs strangan staþol.     Stælgiest ne wæs | 5 | Their place of strength. That thief-guest | 5 |
| wihte þy gleawra,     þe he þam wordum swealg. |  | Was no wiser for having swallowed words |  |

Solution: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Personification: Alliteration: Kenning(s): Caesura:

Part 2: Please write a riddle modeled after an Anglo-Saxon riddle. Describe an everyday object using the literary elements of personification, alliteration, caesura, and kennings. Your riddle must be at least three sentences long. Also, please write the answer to your riddle at the bottom of the page.

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Solution: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_